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1. It was learned that about five hundred Soviet Zone German police aspirants have recently moved into the kasernes on Memelerstrasse and Tschalkowskistrasse, ROSTOCK (M 55/O 81). Soviet Army units previously quartered in these kasernes left for an unidentified destination in early September 1949.

2. The following observations were made in the city:

a. Kommandatura in the former Versorgungsamt (supply office) on St. Georgstrasse: 22 army officers, 5 naval officers, 120-man infantry guard detail

b. Alte Infanterie Kaserne on Ulmenstrasse: 350 naval personnel employed in the shipyard, two trucks

c. School building on Parkstrasse: 250 naval personnel also employed in the shipyard.

d. Apartment house on the eastern perimeter of the Neptun Shipyard: About 250 naval personnel.

e. Neue Infanterie Kaserne: Mecklenburg police school.

Mid-September 1949

3. A tank unit left ROSTOCK allegedly to be stationed at the HAGENOW (M 54/T 24) airfield. An infantry unit also left the Putzlitz Kaserne, ROSTOCK, for an unidentified destination in late August 1949. Soviet Zone German police moved into the Putzlitz Kaserne.

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4. Infantry columns of about five hundred troops left the Putzlitz Kaserne for the ROSTOCK railroad station. The columns were followed by the truck and eight horse-drawn

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vehicles loaded with baggage. The infantry troops were entrained for SASSNITZ (N 55/P 87) according to railroadmen.

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Comment:

a. The report indicates that Soviet Army units were no longer stationed in ROSTOCK in mid-October 1949. [redacted] reported that one German traffic & safety police school and one kaserned police school, totaling 1,000 to 1,500 police were located in ROSTOCK. It is considered credible that, apart from the Soviet kommandatura and naval units employed in the shipyards, ROSTOCK may have been vacated for the Soviet Zone German police.

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b. No definite information on the present location of the Soviet Army units which left ROSTOCK is available. It seems possible that a ROSTOCK tank unit may have been transferred to the HAGENOW airfield. * The information that an infantry unit (naval guard unit ?) was transferred to SASSNITZ requires confirmation.

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